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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 04 March 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☐ entered.

b) ☒ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

*In a rule 312 request filed 04 March 2004, applicant requested that a copy of a form 1449, that was said to have been filed 10 August 2001, be completed by the examiner. There is no record of the filing of any such form 1449 in the official electronic file wrapper of the instant application. However as the form 1449 filed with the 04 March 2004 request lists only references on the PCT search report, and because applicant requested that the references of the search report be considered in a paper filed 06 April 2001, and further because the first office action indicates that the references on the PCT search report have been considered, the examiner has completed the 1449. A copy of the completed <sup>1449</sup> is enclosed with this communication.*



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